





## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY **REGION III** 841 Chestnut Building Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107-4431

Mr. Eugene Miller Lord Corporation 4819 Pittsburgh Avenue Erie, PA 16509

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RE: Remedial Action Report Acceptance Lord Shope Landfill Site

Dear Mr. Miller:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has received and completed its review of the Remedial Action Report (RAR) prepared by Lord Corporation (Lord) dated August 7, 1997 and the Certificate of Completion for the Lord Shope Landfil Site, Girard Pennsylvania.

The RAR was initially submitted by Lord in August 1996, and was revised by Lord based on EPA and PADEP comments dated June 18, 1997. The final version of the RAR was submitted on August 7, 1997 and adequately addressed all comments. EPA accepts the RAR and considers that the construction phase of the Lord Shope Superfund Site has been concluded in accordance with the site's approved Remedial Design. The project has recently completed a year long Operation and Maintenance (O&M) phase initiated following the conclusion of construction activities.

EPA is aware of a shakedown problem involving the thermal oxidizer unit that was identified during the past year. To address this problem, it was necessary to take the thermal oxidizer off-line for a couple weeks while a replacement unit was ordered. The unit is currently on line and meeting its performance standard. A pre-final inspection took place with PADEP and Lord on August 8, 1996 and did not identify punch list items.

If you have any comments or questions regarding this letter, please contact Mr. David Turner, Remedial Project Manager at (215) 566-3216.

Peter W. Schaul, Chief

Superfund Remedial Branch

cc: Robert Kimball, PADEP